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SUBJ: PRAVDA ON JDL DEMONSTRATION AT SMUN

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1. UNDER TITLE "FOR WHOM ARE BARRIERS?" PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 11 CARRIES KOLESNICHENKO ARTICLE FROM NEW YORK ON RECENT JDL DEMONSTRATION AND PURPOSE OF POLICE BARRIERS AT SMUN. ARTICLE SAYS THAT BARRIERS OFFICIALLY SUPPOSED TO PROTECT SOVIET OFFICIALS AND FAMILIES FROM JDL HARASSMENT, BUT "TO GREATER EXTENT THEY 'PROTECT' THOSE AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WOULD WANT TO VISIT MISSION FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER." TO BOLSTER HIS ARGUMENT, KOLESNICHENKO CITES SEPT 9 JDL DEMONSTRATION DURING WHICH JDL MEMBERS "WENT TO MISSION BUILDING, SHOUTED ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS, AND ENGAGED IN HOOLIGANISM." ARTICLE NOTES THAT CONDUCT OF DEMONSTRATORS "WAS SO PROVOCATIVE THAT POLICE HAD TO INTERVENE" AND THAT AS RESULT, "MORE THAN THIRTY WERE ARRESTED (TRUE, MANY WERE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED)". KOLESNICHENKO CONCLUDES: "FOR WHAT PURPOSE ARE POLICE BARRIERS ON 67TH ST? TO GUARD SOVIET MISSION AGAINST PROVOCATIONS OR TO ISOLATE IT FROM AMERICAN CITIZENS? INsofar AS PROVOCATIONS (AT THE MISSION) CONTINUE, ANY COMMENTARY IS SUPERFLUOUS."

COMMENT

2. FOR SECOND DAY IN ROW, PRAVDA READERS ABLE TO READ ABOUT

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ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST JDL BY US AUTHORITIES (REFTEL).
SOVIETS EVIDENTLY FINDING IT DIFFICULT VIGOROUSLY TO PURSUE
"CONNIVANCE" THEME, WHICH WAS STAPLE OF EARLIER JDL COVERAGE.
PERHAPS THIS IS ONE REASON WHY KOLESNICHENKO ARTICLE TAKES UP
NEW ISSUE OF ACCESS TO SOVIET MISSION.

3. THUS FAR, JDL COVERAGE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY ANY HARASSMENT
INCIDENTS HERE. EXEMPT
BEAMING AREA HEAVY TO

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